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Philly, welcome to the bionic age

Futuristic muscle-powered prosthetics now at new South Street center Former Walter Reed doc shows advances {page 02}

▶ Colby Helffrich, 23, who lost most of his fingers in a train accident, shows off a prosthetic hand controlled by his arm muscles.

Sports

Unhappy campers for Eagles?

Jackson, Kolb miss first day at Lehigh But veterans have one-day grace period, says Andy Reid {pages 18-21}

D'oh! It's been 500 episodes?

We've really spent 250 hours of our lives with 'The Simpsons'? Ay, caramba! {page 12}

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Future of artificial hands on South St.

Company with reputation for advanced hand prosthetics has opened clinic Former Walter Reed doctor, two patients show off their wares

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▶ Padilla, a retired Army sergeant who lost his lower forearm in Afghanistan, has one of the most advanced prosthetics.

Separate motors

Padilla now has a Bebionic 2, which have separate motors for each finger, as well as multiple settings which allow rotation of the hand and ability to chose which fingers open and close.

He is the second patient to receive this model at Walter Reed. Older prosthetics contained sensors that controlled the grip, while modern hands now have the ability to have their pressure controlled manually.

"I can catch the ball with the net, hit it out with my right hand, re-catch it with my right in midair and then throw it, all in one motion," Padilla said. METRO

Retired Army Sgt. Ramon Padilla's first prosthetic hand had little personal touch, nearly breaking his young son's own hand three years ago.

But Padilla's new version, which he showed off yesterday at Philadelphia's newest bionic company, Advanced Arm Dynamics, has given the 36-year-old who lost his left hand and forearm fighting in Afghanistan the versatility to catch a ball and — gently — hold his son's hand.

"My new hand can carry heavy items or I can hold hands with my family. I used to have to switch hands out when I wanted to do both," Padilla said.

Former Walter Reed Medical Center physician, Dr. Ryan Spill, recently opened up the clinic on South Street.

The prosthetics company has already constructed bionic limbs for 14,000 patients at its other clinics throughout the country. But the futuristic body parts don't come cheap. Hands like Padilla's can cost anywhere from $30,000 to $100,000 depending on features and abilities. The current generation of prosthetics rely on muscles to send messages to the artificial limb.

"Targeted muscle reinnervation is the future, with the ability to control prosthetics mentally," Spill said.

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Two stories

Padilla and an Arkansas man, Colby Helffrich, have two of the newest and most advanced prosthetic limbs that Advanced Arm Dynamics has to offer.

▶ **Padilla, 36,** lost his arm in May 2007 while serving in the 173rd Airborne when a rocket-propelled grenade exploded next to him, with shrapnel destroying his arm. Padilla was released from care in July 2007, and retired from the military in September 2009.

▶ **Helffrich, 23,** was hit by a train in March 2009. The accident led to losing all fingers but the thumb on his left hand. After more than a year's wait and development, Helffrich has only had his finished prosthetics for two weeks, but is already able to use them effectively.

In the news

Medical scam alleged

A local man has been charged with reporting $1.1 million in false medical claims. Federal prosecutors claim Tahib Smith Ali, 34, posed as a chiropractor and physical therapist at Oasis Holistic Healing Village and billed health care providers for services he never performed.

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▶ Beware oncoming trains.

Homeless woman hit by train

CENTER CITY. A 44-year-old woman is in stable condition after being struck by a SEPTA Regional Rail train yesterday morning at Suburban station.

The incident happened around 8:30 a.m. on track 4, but there were conflicting reports on how the woman was struck. According to police, the unidentified woman was standing on the platform looking for the train when an oncoming train struck her in the head. SEPTA officials said, however, that the woman is homeless and was trespassing in the track area. METRO

Calling cavalry for PPD just got easier

Two horse trailers donated by city attorney to police mounted unit Both trailers priced at about $48,000

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH/METRO

▶ One of the new trailers

The cavalry for Philadelphia's police department not only lacks depth of ranks — there are only nine horses currently — but the horses are also stabled in the suburbs. So it's not easy to deploy the horses in the city.

The mounted unit got a much-needed boost yesterday with the donation of two horse trailers from lawyer and philanthropist James Binns of the Cop Wheels program.

"This just increased my ability to deploy threefold," said Lt. Dan McCann, commander of the mounted unit.

Most of the unit are limited to special events because they are still in training.

"The horses — and the officers — need to get better used to operating in an urban environment," McCann said.

The department plans to eventually grow to 25 horses, establish regular beat patrols and find a permanent headquarters. The police department currently rents farm space outside of the city and is relying mainly on donations to finance and sustain the expansion.

But the cost and effort is worth it. "A mounted officer can equal 10 police officers for crowd control situations," said McCann, noting that a "10-foot-up cop" can see over larger distances and be seen by more people, acting as a deterrent. "Plus ... the public loves them."

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Fire. Restaurant damaged

▶ A small but smokey fire took about 10 minutes to put out early yesterday at the Baja Room.

South St. spot damaged by flames

Firefighters were called to the Baja Room near 15th and South streets shortly before 12:30 a.m. smoke coming from the basement. Residents of the second and third-floor apartments above the restaurant were evacuated.

Another wave of heat

PHILADELPHIA. The upcoming weekend's weather will feel like deja vu.

An "excessive heat warning" has again been issued by the National Weather Service and runs from Friday morning through Sunday. Sound familiar? While temperatures will reach the mid-90s each day, the heat index will reach 100.

"This may wind up being the hottest period from the Midwest to the East Coast for the rest of the summer season," AccuWeather.com long range forecaster Jack Boston said.

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Two sides, game of chicken

WASHINGTON. Republicans and Democrats rushed to rework rival deficit reduction plans yesterday, but with the fate of both proposals heavily in doubt top lawmakers pursued a behind-the-scenes compromise to avert a crippling U.S. debt default.

Signaling a potential for compromise, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said current plans can "easily" change. Senate Democratic aides said they hoped that once Boehner's plan is killed — either by the House or Senate — then support will grow for Reid's one-step remedy, which Obama backs. **REUTERS**

Real Americans wonder, 'Did you forget about us?'

Nation sick of debt dealings ◐ Many people say they feel like Washington is playing politics with their lives

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▶ Calvin Ryle of Empire, Nev., 62, is one of many Americans who have lost jobs and are wondering what's next for the country.

Americans already concerned about their jobs begged Washington politicians yesterday to stop dithering, cut the budget and resolve a debt crisis they fear could lead to higher interest rates or worse.

Americans struggling to right themselves after the collapse in real estate values were concerned that a threatened downgrade of top-rated U.S. debt would raise interest rates.

By turns exasperated and scornful, Americans questioned at random were unsure whether Congress and President Barack Obama will avoid a default on the nation's debt before an imposed Aug. 2 deadline — or what it might mean.

Many blamed the stalemate in Washington in part on political positioning ahead of the 2012 elections. But many of the people who were asked to comment said they felt too uninformed or could not understand the arcane issues involved.

"The adversity is too much," said Jason Bryan, 40, when asked to comment on the tenor of the debate. "It's just pulling the American people apart." **REUTERS**

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"People will probably lose more jobs and stuff like that."
NICOLE KELLY, 21, MIAMI

"I hate the partisan posturing."
RONALD BRANDT, 49, MILWAUKEE

"What happens when the dollar becomes unwanted currency?"
FABIAN BEDNE, 51, NASHVILLE

Stocks fall as debt talk drags on

NEW YORK. Wall Street fell yesterday as troubling signs from U.S. corporations and falling demand for long-lasting manufactured goods discouraged investors already nervous about faltering debt talks in Washington.

"We haven't been committing new capital," said Eric Kuby, chief investment officer at North Star Investment Management Corp. "We've been holding off on making any purchases over the last few days." **REUTERS**

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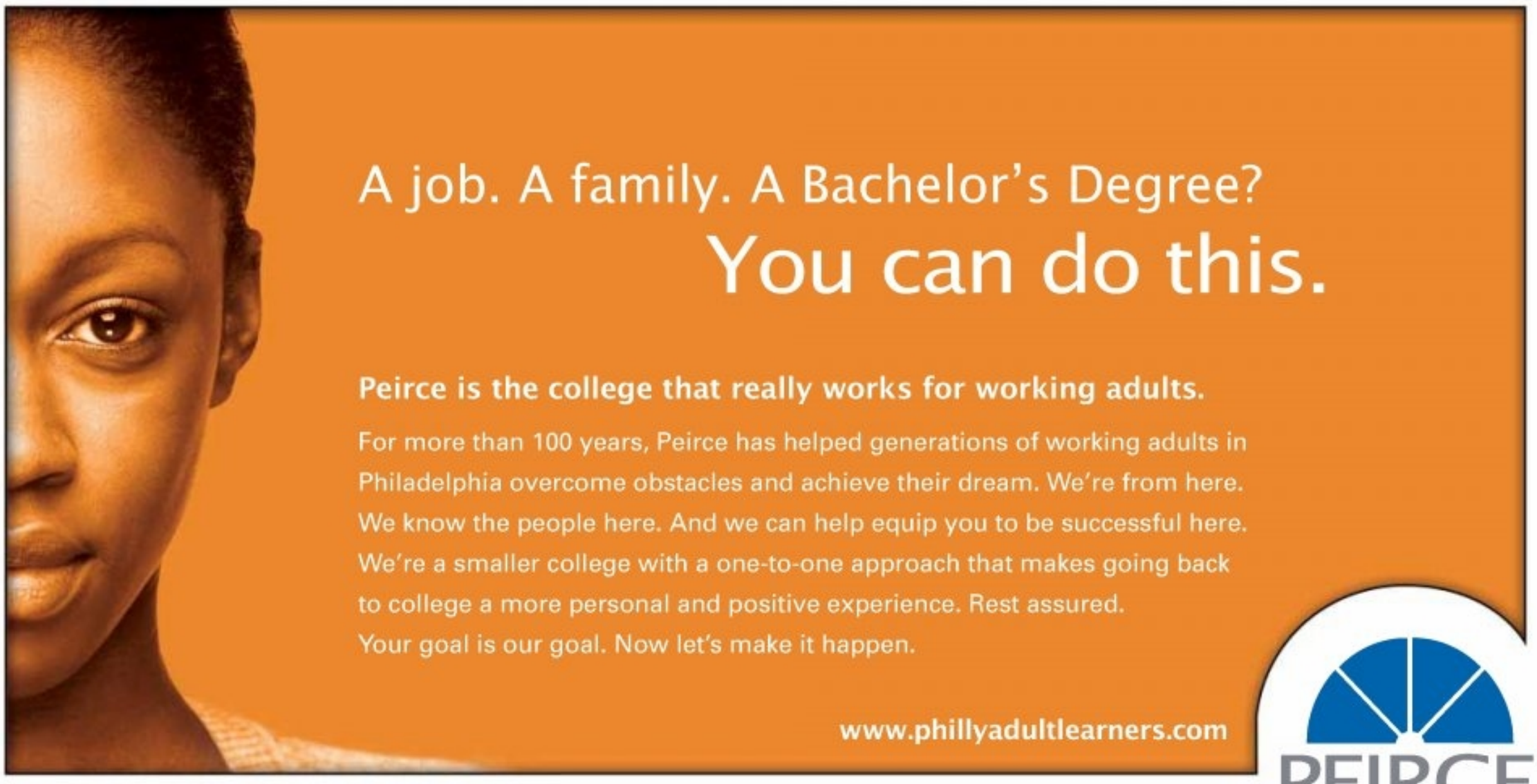
The S&P 500 has lost 2.6 percent so far this week investors fret over a U.S. debt default.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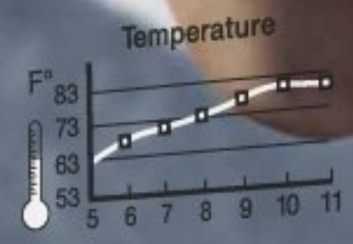

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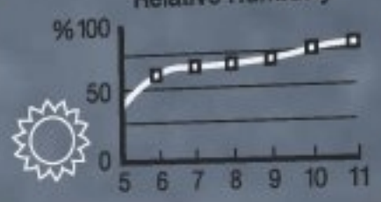

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In Norway, a return to normality

Jittery Norwegians tried to restore some normality yesterday after mass killings by a far-right zealot traumatized the nation.

Oslo's central station was evacuated after a suspicious suitcase was found on a bus, and all train and bus services were halted. Emergency vehicles ringed the station, but police said later the suitcase was harmless.

Norwegians, unused to violence in a quiet country of 4.8 million, must now struggle with how to improve security without jeopardizing the freedom and openness of their society.

Police reopened some streets around the blast site in Oslo and vendors gradually reopened for business. Workers at a corner store about 150 yards away have painted the plywood boards put up in place of blown-out windows.

"I am glad to be back in my office ... to be able to resume the more normal work functions."
RIGMOR AASERUD, ADMINISTRATION AND CHURCH MINISTER

"Fixing the glass will take a week or two and the wood looks better painted," said deputy store manager Aykan Bastas. "We will fix it up nicely, just like before." REUTERS

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Wellness. Rural America

▶ A study found that there are only 65 primary care physicians per 100,000 rural Americans — 40 less than the 105 per 100,000 urban and suburban Americans.

Health disparity in US

A report by the UnitedHealth Center for Health & Reform Modernization found that rural Americans are more likely to suffer from chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart problems and cancer, yet face greater difficulty accessing quality health care than urban counterparts. REUTERS

DUI arrest a prelude to Olympic skier's suicide

SALT LAKE CITY. Olympic silver medalist skier Jeret "Speedy" Peterson has committed suicide near Salt Lake City days after his arrest on suspicion of DUI.

Peterson, 29, was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Monday night, shortly after he had called emergency dispatch to say he was going to kill himself, said Lt. Justin Hoyal, a spokesman for Unified Police of Greater Salt Lake. REUTERS

Speedy indeed

Peterson was arrested after speeding in a Dodge Dakota pickup through Hailey in south-central Idaho at an estimated 70 miles per hour — over the local speed limit of 25 mph — police said.

He failed three field sobriety tests, including a walk and turn and a one-leg stand, according to a police report.

Sick calls leave flyers stranded

CHICAGO. Continental Airlines canceled 24 flights yesterday due to a shortage of pilots after a barrage of sick calls, said the carrier's parent, United Continental Holdings.

Airline spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said most of the cancellations involved flights from Newark. The airline was working to book the affected passengers on other flights, she said. REUTERS

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, Aimee Mann is a Timberlake fan, Joel McHale is unnerved by slang, Pee-wee Herman is celebrating and Lindsay Lohan doesn't like what's being reported about her.

▶ @aimeemann
Watching SNL rerun...honestly, if there's a bigger quintuple threat out there than Justin Timberlake, I've yet to see it.

▶ @joelmchale
An older gentleman (mid 60's) ended the conversation we were having with the phrase, "Lates". Made me feel insane.

▶ @peeweeherman
Happy National Tequila Day!

▶ @lindsaylohan
Love how going to a friends birthday turns into a slew of lies! grrr - oh well... happy sunday all

Lohan

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▶ The ill-matched couple in question.

Skarsgard split

After two years together, "True Blood" star **Alexander Skarsgard** has reportedly split from girlfriend **Kate Bosworth**, according to Us Weekly. "It was very mutual," a source says. "And it happened awhile ago." Skarsgard definitely seemed single while hitting the party circuit at San Diego Comic-Con last weekend, where sources say he got flirty with a brunette before leaving with her. "He's single, and he is loving the attention," the source says. My theory? Bosworth's neck just couldn't handle the strain.

The ex-bride wore white — a bit too soon

Poor **Kristin Cavallari** – not only is her engagement to **Jay Cutler** over, but photos surfaced online yesterday of her modeling wedding dresses, taken two days before Cutler reportedly called it off. If it's true that the Bears quarterback did stop the wedding, it's rather cruel he did so so soon after she was snapped wearing white. Also sad? This headline from TMZ: "Kristin Cavallari — The TRAGIC Wedding Dress Photos." Whoa. Calm down there, TMZ. Isn't "tragic" a bit over the top? Maybe "embarrassing" would be more accurate. Tragic would be if she severed her femoral artery on a runaway sequin, not just having a picture taken of herself (which, from what I can tell, is pretty much her career). Girlfriend is 24. In Hollywood math, that means at least seven more chances for her to wear white.

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▶ Kristin Cavallari was also photographed wearing this engagement ring. For shame!

Talking points

Mumford and wives?

Carey Mulligan and her Mumford and Sons boyfriend, **Marcus Mumford**, are reportedly engaged, according to the Sun. "Carey looked like the cat who had got the cream. She was wearing a beautiful ring and didn't seem to mind who saw it," says a source who spotted the two at a party at a country estate in southwest England. "They were stuck to each other like glue. She was doing most of the talking and he was hanging on her every word."

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▶ Lovato

Demi Lovato: An inspiration

Despite the rough two years **Demi Lovato** has had — including a stint in rehab and announcing she'd suffered from addiction and eating disorders — the Disney star says she's much more comfortable with fans looking up to her now. "Kids used to tell me, 'You're my role model.' And I'd want to shake them and be like, 'Why?'" Lovato says, according to Hollyscoop. "I finally feel like I can inspire people. I can be proud of it."

McQueen cash: For the dogs

Alexander McQueen certainly wanted to make sure his canine companions were looked after. The late British designer reportedly left a decent chunk of his $26 million estate to his three dogs and two animal charities, according to the Associated Press. McQueen's will included $82,000 for the care of his three dogs and $164,000 for the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and the Blue Cross, a charity for abandoned animals.

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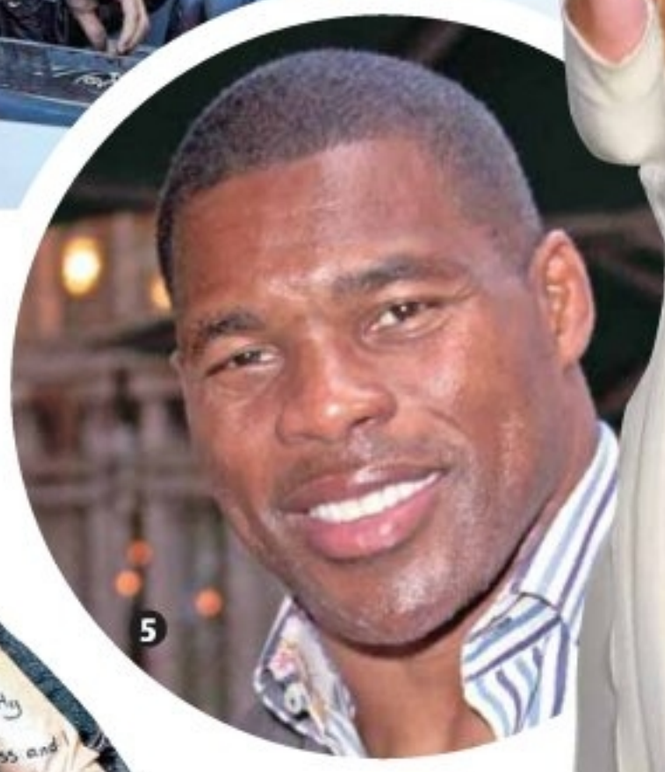

A failed world record attempt and more

1: Lauren Alaina and Scotty McCreery perform during the 2011 American Idols Live! tour at the Arena at Gwinnett Center on Tuesday in Duluth, Ga. McCreery later showed his Georgia love by wearing a Coca-Cola T-shirt.

2: Mila Kunis, who is originally from the Ukraine, and co-star Justin Timberlake attend a "Friends With Benefits" photo-call in Moscow, Russia, yesterday.

3: Jessica Biel and Colin Farrell are seen filming the remake of "Total Recall" on the streets of Toronto on Wednesday.

4: Katie Price, dressed in what appears to be an outfit made from pages of her new book, "The Comeback Girl," attempts to break the Guinness World Record for the largest book signing at the O2 Academy yesterday in Leeds, U.K. Spoiler alert: She failed.

5: Former NFL star Herschel Walker attends the Madden NFL 12 Pigskin Pro-Am Eve at on Tuesday in New York City.

6: Actress Sarah Jessica Parker attends a jewelry fair at Park Hyatt Hotel on Tuesday in Beijing, China.

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10 Reasons to go to the movies this weekend

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▶ "Crazy, Stupid, Love" hits theaters Friday.

2 'Cowboys & Aliens' Harrison Ford and Daniel Craig face off in this sci-fi/Western mash-up. Somehow not convinced? Olivia Wilde plays their damsel in distress.

3 'The Smurfs' Katy Perry lends her voice to Smurfette in the live action/CGI take on the cartoon.

4 'Captain America: The First Avenger' Chris Evans puts his square jaw to use as the Marvel Comics hero.

5 'Friends With Benefits' Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis attempt to make work what absolutely no one else in the history of predictable rom-coms has been able to. At least they'll look hot doing it.

6 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2' You may have heard about this little sleeper hit. The final installment of the franchise pits Potter against his lifelong nemesis, the creepily noseless Lord Voldemort.

7 'Winnie the Pooh' No 3-D, no computer animation, just a purely delightful little film set in the Hundred Acre Wood.

8 'Horrible Bosses' No one likes working for a maneater, a psychopath or a total jerk, but only a few of us would actually embark on eliminating said boss. Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day and Jason Bateman star as three hard-working men who attempt to do just that.

9 'Zookeeper' Fans of Kevin James will likely enjoy his romp around a Boston zoo where talking animals give him dating advice in order to help him win back his materialistic ex-girlfriend.

10 'Transformers: Dark of the Moon' Michael Bay has paid for the sins of the last "Transformers" film with this straightened-out sequel, which features fight scenes where you can actually see what's going on.

Must-see

'Crazy, Stupid, Love'
1 Ryan Gosling goes against type as a super-smooth womanizer, while Steve Carrell does anything but as a clumsy, newly single, suburban dad. METRO

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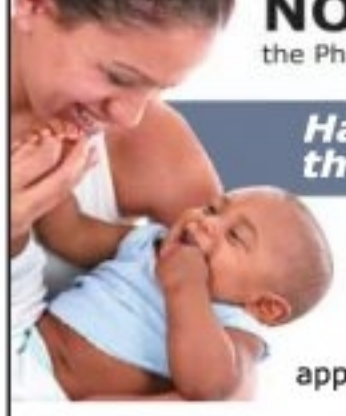

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'The Simpsons' hits 500 episodes

Executive Producer Al Jean on the series' milestone
Other highlights to look forward to in Season 23

Sick of "The Simpsons"? Impossible, we say! The series is set to hit 500 episodes on Feb. 19, 2012, after all. But according to series executive producer Al Jean, not everyone is feeling the love.

"There's a big town meeting that the Simpsons don't know about, and when they go in, the town is saying, 'We're going to get rid of the Simpsons,'" Jean said Tuesday, explaining the milestone episode's plot to TV critics touring the show's animation studio, Film Roman, in Burbank, Calif. "They're sick of them."

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Highlights

For fans still on Team Simpson, Jean spilled other highlights of Season 23, premiering Sept. 25:

- The "Treehouse of Horrors" episode will actually air around Halloween this year: Oct. 30.
- Another holiday-themed half-hour — a Christmas episode — takes place 30 years in the future. "Bart is this lousy, deadbeat dad who actually lives in the school, which is now condos, and Skinner is his landlord," Jean says.
- In another episode, Homer becomes a Glenn Beck-like pundit. He leads the "Gravy Boat" movement and selects Ted Nugent as his ideal presidential candidate. The Nuge guest stars — and sings!
- Pop-culture spoofs and homages abound. In a parody of "Inception," Jean says: "One dream level was [drawn in] the 'Tracey Ullman Show' style" — like the animated series' early days.
- Another reference of note: "Lost." "We have a show coming up where Homer gets addicted to a show that's basically 'Lost,'" Jean says. "It ended five years ago, but he's like, 'Don't tell me how it ends!' We're doing it post-'Lost,' and five years from now it will still be post-'Lost,' so it should hold up."

FOX

"The Simpsons" returns for Season 23 on Sept. 25.

WHAT TO WATCH?
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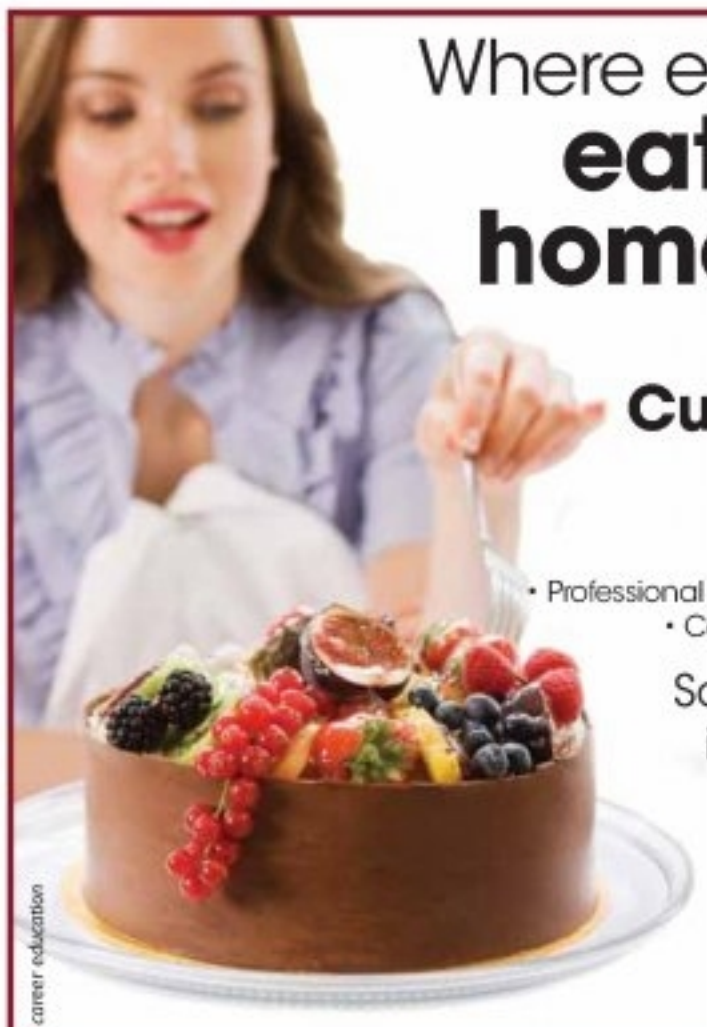

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A whole new flavor of ice cream truck

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Little Baby's bike has been popping into events all around the city Where you can find the exotic flavors this weekend

With the brutal heat wave that we've been suffering over the past couple of weeks, ice cream has no doubt been preoccupying nearly everyone's minds lately. But Pete Angevine, Martin Brown and Jeffrey Ziga have had the delectable stuff freezing their brains for much longer. The co-founders of Little Baby's Ice Cream spent months devising and taste-testing bizarre new flavors before their official launch earlier this summer.

Since then, they've pedaled their trike to all manner of events in order to hawk tasty treats ranging from Coffee Toffee and Birch Beer Vanilla Bean to the more daring Cardamom Caramel and Earl Grey Sriracha. (Not every flavor makes the cut: Champagne and Lucky Charms never faced the public.)

This weekend, they'll be at both Exhumed Films' "Planet of the Apes" marathon at International House and at Pizza Brain's Guinness World Record event at Craft Hustle Art Gallery (complete with Pizza and Guinness flavors created for the occasion).

"You can let your imagination run wild and make super-weird ice cream," says Angevine who, like his partners, sees this venture as an extension of their involvement in the local arts and music scenes. "But most of the time it's still going to end up being delicious, so it's an awesome way to bring people together and freak 'em out a little bit — but leave them smiling."

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If you go

Ice cream has long been the promised reward following a hospital visit, so perhaps Pete Angevine's love of the stuff has something to do with the time he's logged in O.R. gowns over the past few years. His ex-bandmates in Satanized have organized a benefit concert this weekend to help defray medical costs incurred following a liver transplant in 2007 and recent follow-up surgery. Besides Satanized, the lineup features a side project from Zs and Dirty Projectors (Hubble), singer-songwriter Pepi Ginsberg and the West Philadelphia Orchestra.

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TV watch list

LIFETIME

▶ Christina Ricci, left, is a guest judge on the 'Project Runway' season premiere.

'Project Runway'

REALITY. First task for the new designers in tonight's Season 9 premiere: Create something extraordinary out of pajamas. The challenge for viewers: Just try not to fall in love with this batch of contestants, who seem to have a particular flair for drama — especially after four (!) of them are auf'd right off the bat.
Season premiere, 9 p.m., Lifetime

'LA Ink'

REALITY. So, is it safe to say all of those nauseating "Kat Von D loves Jesse James" promos for the new season of this tattoo shop series kicking off tonight — just two days after the couple announced their breakup — won't be airing anymore? **Season premiere, 10 p.m., TLC**

'Serving Life'

FILM. Forest Whitaker narrates this poignant documentary following inmates at a maximum-security prison in Louisiana who volunteer at the jail's hospice, searching for redemption through the care of dying inmates.
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THE RUNDOWN

Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week

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Merrill Garbus of tUnE-yArDs will perform at the 2nd Street Festival.

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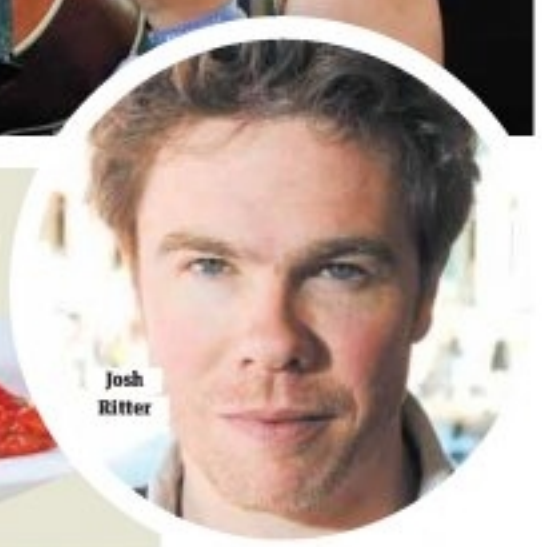

Josh Ritter

Music

2nd Street Festival 2011
Sunday, noon-10 p.m.
2ndstreetfestival.org
Four stages make up this all-day fest in Northern Liberties, where North Second will be shut down between Germantown and Fairmount. The lineup is loaded with both familiar Philly faces — Black Landlord, Res, Cheers Elephant and East Hundred, to name just a few — and those you'll wish were sticking around, a la tUnE-yArDs. We're not saying you'll ever forgive Merrill Garbus for the MySpace-era capitalization, just that you'll want to catch her 5 p.m. closing set.

Lil Wayne
Friday, 7 p.m.
$30-$150, Susquehanna Bank Center
www.livenation.com
Rick Ross, Keri Hilson, Far East Movement and Lloyd join Lil Wayne for his show across the river.

Wanda Jackson
Tonight, 7
$25, The Troc
www.thetroc.com
The rockabilly legend is on the road again, this time with the bluesy Imelda May.

Flogging Molly
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
$35, The Electric Factory
www.livenation.com
As you may recall from the '90s, these playful punk rockers know how to put on a show. Now, they're back with their latest album, "Speed of Darkness."

Britney Spears
Saturday, 7 p.m.
$30-$350, The Wells Fargo Center
www.comcasttix.com
What she lacks in live vocals, she makes up for in sexy cop costumes: We love that Brit is back for good. This weekend, she has Nicki Minaj, Jessie and the Toy Boys and Nervo with her.

Arts

Josh Ritter
Tonight, 7:30
Free, Free Library of Philadelphia
www.freelibrary.org
The folk singer discusses his debut novel, "Bright's Passage," tonight with World Cafe Live's David Dye.

Cirque de la Symphonie
Tonight, 8
$10-$50
The Mann Center
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The Russian National Orchestra teams up with aerial flyers and acrobats to present a program under conductor Mikhail Tatarnikov.

Handmade Philly Portrait Party
Saturday, 2-6 p.m.
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Food and drink

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▶ Colin Meloy and the rest of the Decemberists play at the Borgata this Friday.

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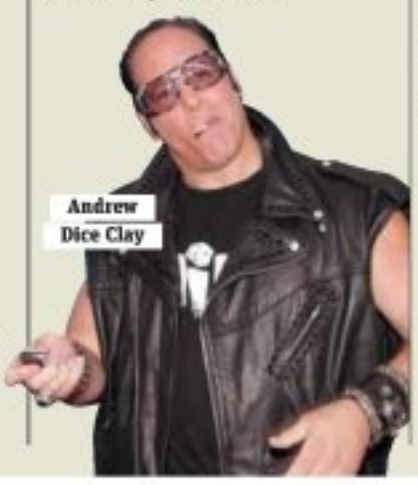

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▶ Silver Cucumber Mint Lemonade

Silver Cucumber Mint Lemonade

Ingredients

- **1.25 oz.** Nolet's Silver Dry Gin
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- **1 oz.** lemon juice
- **2** cucumber slices
- **8** mint leaves

How to make it:
Muddle one slice of peeled cucumber, eight mint leaves, simple syrup and lemon juice in a highball glass. Fill glass with ice and add gin. Stir well and garnish with a slice of cucumber.

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▶ Silver Rhubarb Collins

Silver Rhubarb Collins

Ingredients

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- **1 oz.** lime juice
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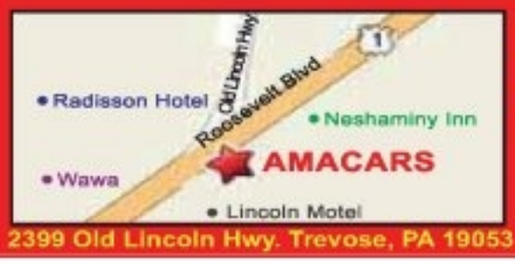

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It's up to you, Washington

In your hands, my dissatisfied Tea Party officials, is the momentous issue of raising the debt ceiling. By not raising the debt ceiling, you will be responsible for bringing about a catastrophic disaster on the republic. We are not enemies, but you have chosen to be America's enemy. There is still time for you to correct this, although the time is quickly evaporating for you to embrace the better angels of your conscience.
ANTHONY P. JOHNSON, JUNIATA

Bad enough that no one will heed what the president is asking for — compromise — due to their dislike of him. Bad enough that no senator or representative will heed nor vote for anything the opposite party is proposing simply because it is being proposed by the opposite party. This war between Democrats and Republicans is about to destroy our entire country and possibly the world. Are we powerless to stop it? **GAIL MCSORLEY, RHAWNHURST**

Small views, small wonder

RE: "WHY ARE MY VIEWS SO SMALL?": If "pieces" fitting together defines marriage, then same-sex marriage shouldn't be a problem — same-sex couples have "pieces" that fit together just fine. Also, homosexuality occurs naturally in the wild. Typically, in the wild, an animal's instinct is to procreate. So how do you explain that?
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Why should the rich suffer?

Many letters in Metro have reflected an attitude that we must "tax the rich" and make them "pay their fair share." The top 5 percent of income earners in this country account for 59 percent of the tax burden. How much is enough? What percent should the wealthy pay in taxes before you stop whining about "evil millionaires" hoarding their hard-earned money?
KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL

Media lets us down again

I cannot believe that the return of football is on all news channels and the fools in the government trying to settle the budget problems is hardly seen. Why do people on social security have to worry about getting their money, why have they not agreed to something?? No, they want to keep bickering.
SANDRA J. ROTONDI, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Praise, politeness and tact are tools that always work very well for everybody. However, you will need one more element — sincerity.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your word must always be your bond, especially when making a commitment to a special someone. A broken promise could leave a wound that would be extremely difficult to heal.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're good at flowery speech, but you might be tempted to lay it on rather thick, leaving a lot of doubt in another's mind. Better use a thinner brush.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Although you're basically an intense person, you could be more bold than smart — and get yourself in a lot of trouble. As the saying goes, "Don't rush in where angels fear to tread."
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** The last thing you need to tell someone who comes to you for help is what you believe she or he wants to hear. It'll hurt your pal even further.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Regardless of what you find yourself doing, rely only on your own smarts, abilities and resources. You could lock yourself out if you depend on others for help.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Listen to the suggestions of others, but don't use what they say as an excuse to cop out or fail to think for yourself, especially if you know more about things then they do.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Doing something good for phony reasons will be transparent to those you're trying to impress. Be sure your motives are sincere.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When out in public, your common sense usually enables you to maintain a pleasant demeanor toward those who have offended you in the past.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Do not employ permissiveness toward those in your charge when discipline is required. You'll be asking for trouble; the former compounds mistakes, while the latter corrects them.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Unless your mind is totally focused on your work, even tasks you handle on a regular basis could go awry; so don't take anything for granted. Serious mistakes are likely if you stray.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you're watching your pennies, subdue extravagant spending habits, such as purchasing something at its initial price when you know it will be reduced down the line.
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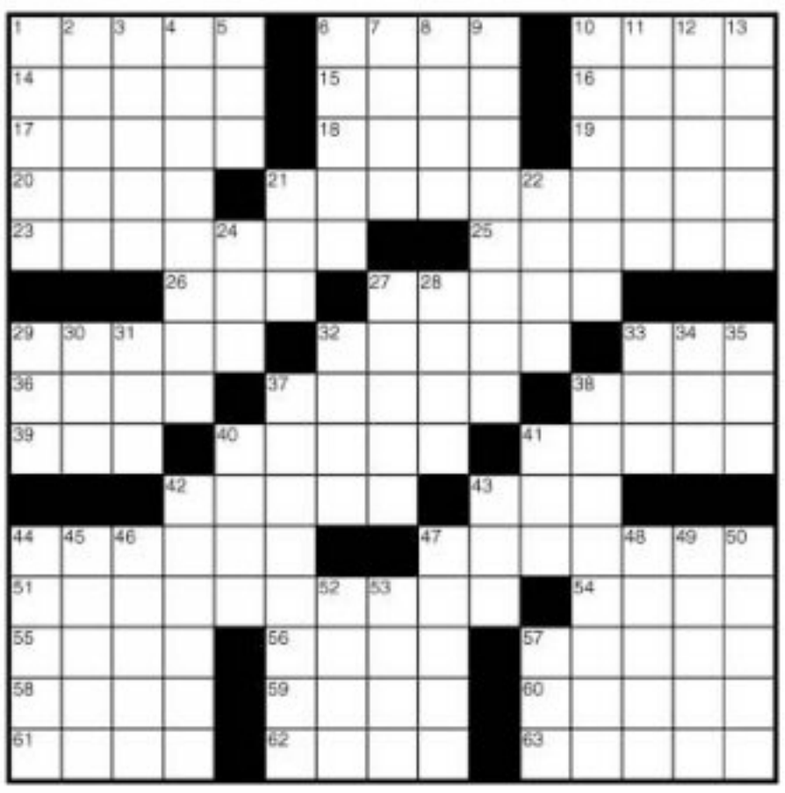

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What's bugging you? Lincecum out, hopes to make start today

Giants ace scratched again due to stomach flu ◗ Scheduled to take the mound today at Citizens Bank Park ◗ Righty respects city, Phillies fans

Tim Lincecum looked as white as the baseballs he throws so effectively while sitting at his locker last night, two hours before his scheduled start.

The Giants ace was scratched from starting for the second consecutive game versus the Phillies due to the flu.

Lincecum, who caught the bug here, insisted that he didn't come down with his illness after downing a cheesesteak. He also said that he didn't catch it Monday after the Giants visited the White House.

"They didn't serve us anything," Lincecum said.

Maybe that has something to do with the debt ceiling. The skinny, fast-food junkie has been on a steady diet of pedialyte.

"I feel lousy," said Lincecum. "You want to make sure you're fine before you go out there. Why throw four crappy innings as opposed to coming through with a good quality start? We have a guy [Matt Cain] who can go on regular rest. Hopefully, I can pitch tomorrow."

Lincecum, who is 2-1 with a 3.11 ERA in seven starts against the Phillies, respects the team his squad beat in the NLCS.

"They have a very good club over there," Lincecum said. "You saw how tough they were last year during the playoffs."

Lincecum said he doesn't pay attention to Phillies fans, who shower him with cat-calls and chant 'Tim-my' when he's on the bump.

"You block all of the stuff out that doesn't have anything to do with baseball," Lincecum said. "The fans are good here. They're really into it. It's always tough here because of the team and the fans are really into it. It's a good atmosphere."

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If you throw out two poor outings in 2007, Tim Lincecum's ERA vs. the Phillies in the regular season from 2008-10 is just 1.45. He's 1-1 with a 3.14 ERA in two postseason games.

On TV today

Giants at Phillies, 7:05 p.m. (CSN)

On TV Friday

Pirates at Phillies, 7:05 p.m. (CSN)

Giants 2, Phils 1

Phils drop second game. Rubber match tonight.

1. Cole Hamels took the loss, but deserved better. He gave up two runs and six hits in 7 2/3. Matt Cain, who gave up one run and four hits in seven-plus, kept the Phillies off-balance. Brian Wilson again retired Ryan Howard and shut down the Phillies.
2. Domonic Brown cost the Phillies a run by misplaying a ball in right. Brown continues to have trouble with low line drives. He doesn't break directly toward balls and has trouble in the corners.
3. After scoring at least three runs in their last seven, the Phils' offense scuffled. They had few good swings versus Cain or the Giants' relievers.

Gillick honored by Phils

Pat Gillick was honored last night.

The former Phillies GM will have an oil painting hung in the gallery of the team's Hall of Fame club. Gillick was the architect behind the 2008 World Series title.

"All I can say is let's do it again and 'Go Phillies!'", Gillick said.

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Kolb, Jackson missing from nest on first day

No DeSean Jackson. No Kevin Kolb.

Eagles coach Andy Reid wouldn't go into detail about Jackson's contract situation or Kolb's potential trade to Arizona. For now, he's only interested in coaching the players that are at Lehigh.

"Obviously I want everybody here, I'm a coach," Reid said. "But I'm also versatile and resourceful. The guys that are here, I'm coaching the heck out of them."

Due to the unusual circumstances caused by the NFL lockout, veteran players have a one-day grace period to allow for travel restrictions. Reid said he talked to all the players on the Eagles' roster, including Jackson.

As far as the Kolb trade speculation and signing marquee free agents, Reid stayed true to form by saying nothing.

"I don't want to divulge anything now," Reid said. "We'll find out when it happens."

The Eagles will conduct their first practice today at Lehigh. Due to new league rules, it will be non-contact and without pads. Reid is using the walkthrough to assess the state of his team.

"It'll be a talk and walk," Reid said. "We're taking the chalkboard out of the meeting room and putting it on the field."

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Kolb for Rodgers-Cromartie still in works • Eagles website offering No. 29 jerseys • Neither side talking

Blame an overanxious intern. Or blame the Eagles' front office for not getting a deal done yet.

Either way, the Eagles were offering fans a chance to purchase jerseys with Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie's name and the No. 29 yesterday on the team's official website. They have since been removed.

Are we reading too much into this? Probably. But, it certainly adds credible fuel to the fire that a deal sending Kevin Kolb to Arizona in exchange for Rodgers-Cromartie and a draft pick (to be named later) is still in the works.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Kolb

The hiccup? The Cardinals are trying to finalize a mulit-year contract for Kolb, according to sources, while the two sides also haggle over the value of the draft pick.

Kolb didn't show up at Eagles training camp yesterday, and he isn't expected to be there today. Calls to the quarterback's agent were not returned. MIKE GREGER

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You can think whatever you want about Tim Tebow's political views. You can question his ability to throw at the NFL level. You can even (gasp) think he isn't a handsome stud. But you can't argue with the fact that he runs.

When looking for sleepers, we're in search of explosive — yet unproven — talent. These three fit the bill:

In Tim we trust

Running quarterbacks may not win in the NFL, but they dominate in fantasy. With Tebow set to take over from **Kyle Orton**, he projects to at least match the 10.3 rushes per game he averaged as a starter last year. And without a true goal-line option on the roster right now, Tebow could reach 10 rushing touchdowns with ease.

Cook on board

Jared Cook was a breakout candidate before the Titans agreed to terms with **Matt Hasselbeck**. Now he's a legit TE1 option. With a tantalizing combination of size and speed, Cook will rack up targets.

Handcuffs, please

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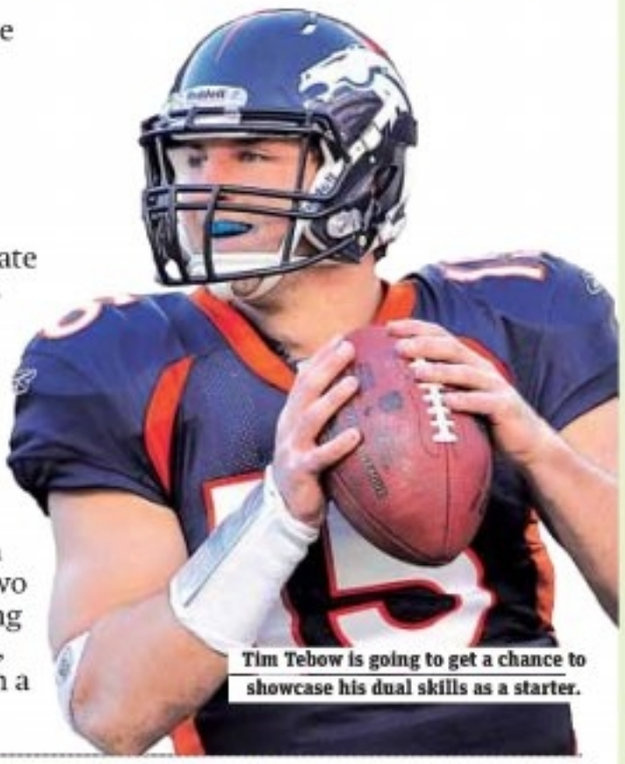

Tim Tebow is going to get a chance to showcase his dual skills as a starter.

NFL news

Bad Panther

▶ The Panthers decided to break the bank and retain RB **DeAngelo Williams** instead of letting **Jonathan Stewart** take over. Downgrade both. Meanwhile **Knowshon Moreno** gets a boost as prior reports had Williams going to Denver.

Desmond Jennings

▶ **OF, Rays**
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Rubby De La Rosa

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NFL free agency

The stock of these three players are up thanks to free agency moves:

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2 **Dez Bryant, WR, DAL** — With Roy Williams gone, the No. 2 WR gig is solely for the mega-talented Bryant.

3 **Ray Rice, RB, BAL** — Willis McGahee was often a vulture at the goal line over the past two seasons. Now Rice has double-digit TD upside.

Report: McNabb headed to Minnesota

Donovan McNabb is on the move once again.

The Redskins and Vikings have a deal in place to send the 12-year veteran to Minnesota, according to ESPN. The one holdup was a personal issue. McNabb was concerned that some in the Vikings' organization wanted Tyler Thigpen.

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